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THE NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING COMPANY, LTD

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50, MARK LANE

LONDON.

23rd July.

GRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
1, MARK LANE, LONDON, E.C. 3.  
TELEPHONE: "N.A.I.R.O.B.I."

NEW NO. 50, MARK LANE.

PRICE: 5TH EDITION

Sir,

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We beg to refer to our communication of the 26th May 1919 containing representations with reference to the Electricity Ordinance of the British East Africa Protectorate now under consideration by the Colonial Office and to your formal intimation of May 31st 1919 that a further letter would be addressed to the Company in due course.

The anxiety of the Company with regard to its future position if the Ordinance be approved has been intensified by communications recently received from the Protectorate.

On the 2th April last the Company received from Mr. O. Udall, their manager at Nairobi, a cable in the following terms:-

"The Governor has received from the Colonial Office sanction negotiate with local management on present electric power supply and sign Company's new Thika Concessions the Governor suggests the London Office send us Power of Attorney immediately act in union with his explanatory letter following."

Secretary of State  
for the Colonies,  
Colonial Office,

S.V.I.

THE NAIROBI E.P. & L.T. CO. LTD., to The Under Secretary of State

Date

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to have been adopted, which amounts in effect to the presentation to the Company of an ultimatum non-compliance with which will result in the abrogation and repudiation of the Company's existing Concession.

That this is the result of the action of the Protectorate Government appears clearly from a letter dated the 21st May 1919 addressed by the Chief Secretary to the Protectorate Government to the Company's Chief Engineer and Manager at Nairobi in reply to a letter of the 22nd April 1919 addressed by him to the Chief Secretary under the Instructions of the Company. Copies of the two letters are appended.

In the circumstances the Company venture most respectfully to renew their request for an early appointment in order that they may be heard in support of the representations contained in their communication of the 26th May last and thus be given an opportunity of calling attention to the action of the Protectorate Government in regard to their rights under their Concession and to the injury which they will sustain if the ordinance be approved in its present form.

We have the HONOUR to be

sir,

Your obedient servants,

FOR and ON behalf of THE NAIROBI ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHTING CO., LTD.

*J. H. ...*  
Secretary.

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28 July 1919

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Meeting  
of the Executive Board  
of the C. O.  
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- Mr. Gandle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Reed.
- Mr. Fiddes.
- Mr. Verry.
- Mr. Hines.

I am in touch with  
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 23<sup>rd</sup> July and to say you  
 that the various questions  
 connected with the meeting  
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